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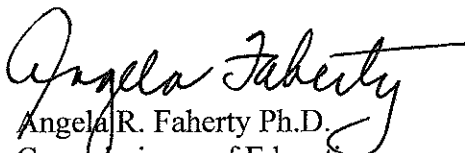
J. Michael Wilhelm
Superintendent of Schools
Maine School Administrative District No. 75
50 Republic Avenue
Topsham, ME 04086

Dear Superintendent Wilhelm:

In response to your October 28, 2010 letter regarding the proposed elementary school closing of the West Harpswell School in Harpswell, Maine, I am granting my approval to proceed as required by 20-A, M.R.S.A., Section 1512 (2). Based on the information provided in accordance with 20-A, M.R.S.A., Section 1512 (2), the expense of keeping the school open is **\$190,954.74**.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Angela R. Faherty Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

Enclosure

Cc: Town of Harpswell, Maine
Suzan Beaudoin, School Finance Supervisor
Paula Gravelle, School Finance Consultant

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